

Social Studies / History Quiz: Understanding the Past with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the historical context of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the movement for abolition.

Hello! I am Ellie the elephant. I have a great memory for history! Read each question carefully. Use the word bank at the bottom if you need help.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. False, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Enslaved, 7. A, 8. True, 9. B, 10. Freedom. The Transatlantic Slave Trade was a time when people were cruelly taken from their homes to work. Abolitionists worked hard to end this unfair system.

Word bank: Abolition · Freedom · Trade · Enslaved · Ships · Human

1. 1. What do we call the act of ending slavery? A) Building, B) Abolition*, C) Painting (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Being enslaved meant people were not free to choose their own lives. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Everyone in history agreed that slavery was a good thing. (1 mark)

4. 4. How were most people transported across the ocean? A) Trains, B) Ships*, C) Planes (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Abolitionists were people who campaigned to stop slavery. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: People who were forced to work without pay were called _____ people. (1 mark)

7. 7. What was the main goal of the people fighting for change? A) Freedom*, B) More money, C) New toys (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Slavery is against the law in the UK today. (1 mark)

9. 9. Why did the trade happen? A) To help others, B) To make money*, C) To learn music (1 mark)

10. 10. What is the opposite of being a slave? (Hint: Starts with F) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a person holding a sign that says 'Freedom'. Think about what kindness and fairness look like to you.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an abolitionist in the past. Write one sentence about why you think everyone should be free.